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GEORGE NELSON BLACK.

1833-1908.

In Memoriam.

The cause of Illinois and western history has sustained a great loss in the death at his home in Springfield, on April 22, 1908, of George Nelson Black, a director in the Illinois State Historical Society since its organization and one of the founders of the society.

Mr. Black was also at the time of his death a member of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library, which position he had occupied for more than ten years, he having been appointed in 1897 by Governor John R. Tanner. Mr. Black deserves a large measure of credit for the expansion and growth of the historical library in the service of which he spent much time and labor. He was devoted to the work of the library and the society and retained the liveliest interest in both up to the day of his death. About two and a half years ago Mr. Black had the misfortune to fall over the banisters of the stairway at his residence and was very severely injured. He never fully recovered from this accident. A full sketch of the life and services of Mr. Black will be given in the regular transactions of the society. He left surviving him, of his immediate family, his wife, a son, John W. Black, and a daughter, Anna Louise, the wife of Dr. George F. Stericker, of Springfield, three grandchildren, and one brother, Mr. Alexander Black, of Lee, Mass. He also left a number of nephews, nieces and other relatives to whom he had been unusually kind and thoughtful, and a large circle of friends. The funeral occurred at St. Paul's church in Springfield. A number of prominent citizens of Springfield and neighboring towns acted as honorary pallbearers, among whom were Dr. E. J. James and Dr. M. H. Chamberlin, Mr. Black's colleagues on the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library; Capt. J. H. Burnham, of Bloomington, a director of the Historical Society; Dr. J. F. Snyder, of Virginia, Ill., former president and director of the society; Dr. Wm. Jayne, and Dr. A. W. French, members of the society. A committee of the local members of the society attended the funeral in a body. The members of this committee were: Judge J. Otis Humphrey, Clinton L. Conkling, Wm. Jayne, E. A. Snively, James H. Matheny, Charles P. Kane, James W. Patton, James M. Graham, Guy I. Colby, J. H. Collins, E. E. Hagler, George Huskinson, George A. Sanders, Charles

R. Coon, E. S. Walker, H. E. Barker, J. McCan Davis, Lewis H. Miner, James A. Rose, A. W. French, George T. Palmer, Hugh Graham, W. L. Gross, Charles E. Hay, John D. Marney, E. S. Scott, Charles R. Taylor.

After the impressive services at the church the interment was made in beautiful Oak Ridge cemetery almost under the shadow of the stately shaft which marks the last resting place of Abraham Lincoln, whom Mr. Black, as a young man, had had the privilege of knowing and loving, and whose fame and memory were among the greatest pleasures of his advanced years. George N. Black, though largely self educated, was a man of culture and refinement and of the largest charity and humanity. He was of a peculiarly gentle and winning personality and most quiet and retiring in manner and tastes. He was extremely fond of books and owned a large private library. He was one of the most active and untiring business men the city of Springfield has ever possessed. Many of the principal objects of interest in Springfield were secured to the city through the efforts of Mr. Black. He was very proud of Springfield and spared no efforts to promote its interests.

His name is connected with the birth and growth of the Illinois State Historical Society and his labors for the society and the library will be remembered as long as these institutions exist.